

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

In your new leadership role, please support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). This Fair Share Plan will help keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

The flat fee or numbers-based plan being considered would result in an unfair means of collecting the fee. People like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you for listening.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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Senator Carl Levin
Representative Dave Camp
Senator Debbie Stabenow